

Artifact Descriptors

Early Childhood Services:

Early Access Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP) - a multi-agency collaboration that provides services to children (birth through 3) with special needs and their families. This program features home visits, groups, instructional and supportive therapies. This service is offered to all AEA9 children that qualify and their families. Frequency and duration of home visits is dependent on child's developmental need.

Early Childhood Coordinating Council – a multi-agency and parent council that collectively coordinates and develops programs and services within the Scott County community for children from birth to Kindergarten and their families. This council meets quarterly.

Early Childhood Special Education - Early Childhood Special Educational Consultants help with the development of successful strategies and interventions for students in preschool classrooms. They collaborate with parents, teachers, other staff and students in a collaborative and supportive environment. They provide screening, educational evaluation and support for preschool children with special needs. These services are offered regularly and based on referrals to all 21 districts and all preschools programs, including community preschools.

Early Childhood General Education Consultant Services –These services are provided to support districts and schools in the development, implementation and evaluation of preschool programs. These services are provided to all AEA9 districts and community preschool teaching staff and include: Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program preschools, ECSE preschool programs, integrated preschool programs, Shared Vision preschool programs and other community preschools.

Early Childhood Professional Development- Professional development is offered to all AEA9 district and community preschool teaching staff, coaches and administrators. The sessions have included: Iowa Early Learning Standards, Teaching Strategies GOLD, Creative Curriculum, PBIS, Technology in the PK Classroom, IGDIs/ AIM web Data Analysis.

Program-Wide Positive Behavior Supports- system-wide program designed to promote social and emotional competence in preschool aged children. It is an approach for developing an understanding of the function of

behavior and how to address behavior proactively. This training is offered to preschool teaching staff in AEA9.

Quad City Early Childhood Conference-a collaboratively sponsored annual event to help meet the staff development needs of those working with 0-5 children. It is offered in the fall and is open to all AEA9.

Ready to Learn Conference- is a collaboratively sponsored annual event to help meet staff development needs of those who work with 0-5 children. It is offered in the spring and is open to all AEA9.

Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program-services to support district efforts and collaboration with private preschool providers, accreditation process, desk audits, professional development and program management. This is provided to all districts.

Occupational Therapy – Evaluations, consultation and therapy are provided to students birth to 21 so they may access and participate in their educational program and activities of daily living. This service is provided to all students in AEA9.

Physical Therapy– Evaluations, consultation and therapy are provided to students birth to 21 so they may access and participate in their educational program and activities of daily living. This service is provided to all students in AEA9.

Parent and Educator Connection Program – works to develop and sustain effective partnerships between families, students, educators and community providers to promote success for all students with disabilities. This service is offered to all families, students and educators in AEA9.

“Partners”- newsletter for parents and educators of students with special needs. It is mailed to all families with students receiving Part C or Part B special education services.